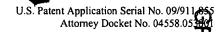
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10. Exam 5/27/03 In response to the final Office Action dated February 24, 2003, please consider the included remarks.

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,383,404 ("Sakai"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention relates to a molded glass substrate for a magnetic disc. The magnetic disc includes an upper and lower principal surfaces and an outer surface,